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THE ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

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OF THE

Town of Carver,

FOR THE

Financial Year ending March 10, 1875,

TOGETHER WITH THE

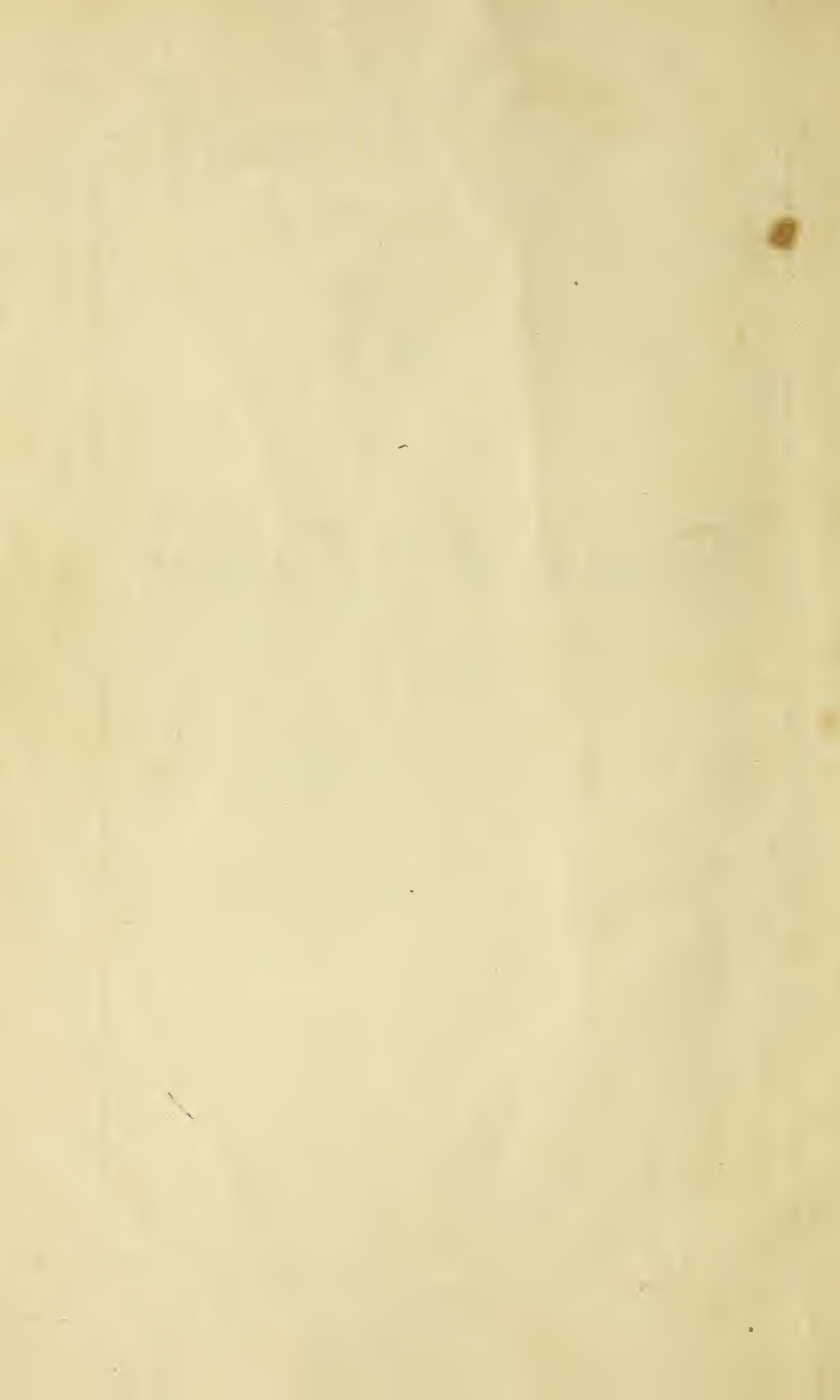
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Annual Meeting March 29th, 1875.

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Report of the Selectmen.

Citizens of Carver :

The Selectmen submit their Annual Report of the Receipts and Expenditures of the Town for the past year, together with such other facts as may be of interest :

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

THOMAS COBB, *Treasurer.*

Dr.

To cash on hand, March 10, 1874,.....	\$3,455 87
Received on note of E. P. Bumpus,.....	50 00
From sale of herrings,	2 33
O. E. Bliss, license to peddle,..	6 00
Wm. L. Randall,“ “	6 00
Plymouth Bank, loan,.....	600 00
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<i>\$4,120 20</i>

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$4,120 20
To cash received from State Treasurer, corporation tax,	585 67
Nat'l Bank tax,	574 34
State Aid, paid to	
Soldiers & families,	700 00
Income from State	
School Fund,	248 64
Co. Treas., from dog licenses,	122 63
T. Cobb, rent of Town Farm, .	25 00
From Collection of Taxes,	4,979 07
Interest on Taxes,	31 45
Town of Middleboro', on	
pauper account,	54 25
Total receipts,	<u>\$11,441 25</u>

The Treasurer is credited with payments on the several accounts, as follows :

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Paid for support of Poor.	\$1,157 59
Support of schools.	1,688 59
Repairs of highways	1,217 63
Repairs of bridges	159 29
State aid to soldiers and families.	621 00
State tax.	920 00
County tax	770 37
Pay of Town Officers	471 48
Clearing the roads from snow.	36 51
Furniture and repair of school-houses.	39 54
Miscellaneous town expenses.	59 01
Abatement on taxes	11 60
Money borrowed of Plymouth Bank.	600 00
Cash on hand March 10th, 1875	3,688 59
	<u>\$11,441 25</u>

POOR.

*Receipts and Expenses connected with the Support of Poor the
past Year, by item.*

Appropriation of 1874.....	\$1,000 00
Rent of Town farm.....	25 00
Received from Middleboro' on J. Griffith account.....	54 25
Received on note of E. P. Bumpus.....	50 00
Deficiency.....	28 34
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	\$1,157 59

Expenses at the Almshouse..... \$267 07

EXPENSES AWAY FROM THE ALMSHOUSE.

Paid for support of—

Willard Sears.....	\$122 81
Barton Fuller.....	86 50
Patience Robbins.....	130 00
Joseph A. Bates.....	71 90
Foster Shaw.....	84 00
Lucy Chace.....	108 00
J. W. Griffith.....	54 25
E. F. Webster.....	142 30
Caroline Wrightington.....	39 07
Ansel Barrows.....	30 19
John A. Peirce.....	21 50
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Total expenses away from Almshouse..... \$890 52

Total expense of Poor..... \$1,157 59

SCHOOLS.

*Receipts and Expenses connected with the Town Schools the
past Year.*

Undrawn balance of 1873.....	\$125 25
Appropriation of 1874.....	1,800 00
From State School fund.....	248 64
From license of dogs.....	122 63
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	\$2,296 52
Paid the several schools.....	\$1,688 59
Balance undrawn.....	607 93
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	\$2,296 52

BRIDGES.

*Receipts and Expenses connected with the Repairs of Bridges
the past Year.*

Balance from appropriation of 1873.....	\$42 07
Appropriation of 1874.....	200 00
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	\$242 07
Paid repair of bridge at shoe-string fac- tory, Dist. No. 14.....	\$133 66
Paid repair of Quiticus Bridge, Dist. No. 7,	24 88
Paid repair of bridge, Dist. No. 4.....	75
Balance unexpended.....	82 78
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	\$242 07

HIGHWAYS.

Receipts and Expenses connected with the Repairs of Highways the past Year.

Balance from appropriation of 1873	\$86 47
Appropriation of 1874.....	1,300 00
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	\$1,386 47

Paid Highway District No. 1.....	\$65 59
2.....	67 97
3.....	80 37
4.....	61 58
5.....	82 75
6.....	53 50
7.....	74 13
8.....	76 58
9.....	13 88
10.....	221 75
11.....	146 32
12.....	62 52
13.....	60 00
14.....	80 13
15.....	70 61

Total amount expended	\$1,217 68
Balance undrawn.....	168 79
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	\$1,386 47

Amounts due the Districts as follows:

District No. 1	\$12 39
3	2 87
4	17 92
5	7 96
6	11 84
9	19 51
10	39 68
11	11 14
13	26 41
14	16 62
15	2 45
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	\$168 79

*MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS AND EXPENDI-
TURES THE PAST YEAR.*

RECEIPTS.

From pedler's licenses	\$12 00
Sale of herrings	2 33
Corporation tax	585 67
National Bank tax	574 34
Interest on taxes	31 45
Plymouth Bank loan	600 00
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	\$1,805 78
Deficiency	17 87
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	\$1,823 65

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Treasurer and Collector's commission, 1873	\$135 61
Paid Peleg McFarlin, services as School Committee, 1873,.....	56 00
Paid S. F. McFarlin, services as School Committee, 1873.....	40 00
Paid E. T. Pratt, services as School Com- mittee, 1873	16 50
Paid Andrew Griffith, services as one of Se- lectmen and Overseers of Poor, 1873,	39 88
Paid Alvin Perkins, services as one of Selectmen and Overseers of Poor, '73,	38 40
Paid H. A. Lucas, services as one of Select- men and Overseers of Poor, 1873...	23 39
Paid Peleg McFarlin, services and fees as Town Clerk, 1873.....	35 05
Paid R. M. Dempsey, services as Constable, 1873	8 50
Paid Thomas Cobb, returning deaths.....	2 00
Paid E. W. Shaw, returning deaths.....	1 40
Andrew Griffith, assessing taxes, 1873,	20 00
Alvin Perkins, assessing taxes, 1873...	18 75
H. A. Lucas, assessing taxes, 1873 ...	19 00
Ira C. Bent, services and expenses on the Herring Committee, 1873.....	10 80
Paid Avery & Doten, printing Town Reports,	43 50
Dist. 1, clearing highway from snow.	1 60
2, clearing highway from snow..	2 60
3, clearing highway from snow..	7 80
<i>Amount brought forward,.....</i>	<hr/> \$520 78

<i>Amount brought forward</i> ,	\$520 78	
Paid Dist. 5, clearing highway from snow..	9 93	
7, clearing highway from snow..	3 20	
8, clearing highway from snow..	11 38	
H. A. Lucas, copying Assessors' book.	9 00	
Plymouth Bank, interest on loan.	7 68	
For Tax Books.	1 70	
For monuments, and setting on town line	3 33	
Paid repairs on school-house No. 2.	3 50	
3.	2 60	
4.	3 87	
5.	2 92	
8.	8 75	
For furniture for the several schools..	17 90	
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Total miscellaneous expense.	\$606 54	
Paid note at Plymouth Bank.	600 00	
Transferred from Bank tax to Poor account,	617 11	
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	\$1,823 65	

STATE AID TO SOLDIERS AND FAMILIES.

Paid Everett T. Manter.	\$120 00
Daniel Dunham	72 00
A. R. Drew	72 00
Mary T. Dunham.	48 00
Almira H. Barrows.	54 00
Huldah McFarlin.	48 00
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<i>Amount carried forward</i> ,	314 00

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$314 00
Nancy L. Pratt.	96 00
Caroline W. Pratt.	.....	48 00
Guardian to H. I. Atwood.	.....	48 00
Wm. W. Pearson.	15 00
Total paid out during the year	621 00
Paid on former accounts.	860 80
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		\$1,481 80
Received from State	700 00	
Still due.	781 80	
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ABATEMENT ON TAXES.

George Peirce, tax of 1871.	42
George Peirce, tax of 1872.	58
George Peirce, tax of 1873.	.....	45
William Allen, tax of 1872.	.....	2 00
Henry Bradford, tax of 1872.	.....	2 46
Eugene Blackwell, tax of 1873.	.....	2 00
J. H. Clark, tax of 1872.	1 40
George W. Cobb, tax of 1872	1 17
George W. Cobb, tax of 1873.	1 12
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		\$11 60

STATE TAX.

Whole amount assessed as required by Warrant.	...	\$920 00
Paid State Treasurer amount of tax	920 00

COUNTY TAX.

Whole amount assessed as required by Warrant.	...	\$770 37
Paid County Treasurer amount of tax.	.....	770 37

LIABILITIES.

The liabilities of the town are as follows, or nearly so :

Treasurer and Collector's commission, 1874, unpaid	\$133 79
Collector's bill for printing, stationery and postage, unpaid.....	8 00
Peleg McFarlin, services and fees as Town Clerk, 1874, unpaid.	35 00
Andrew Griffith, services and expenses as one of the Selectmen and Overseers of Poor, 1874, unpaid	45 82
Alvin Perkins, services and expenses as one of the Selectmen and Overseers of Poor, unpaid....	29 75
H. A. Lucas, services and expenses as one of the Selectmen and Overseers of Poor, unpaid.	22 50
S. F. McFarlin, services as one of School Committee, 1874.....	36 12
E. T. Pratt, services as one of School Committee, 1874.....	20 00
R. C. Freeman, services as one of School Committee, 1874.....	32 25
R. M. Dempsey, services as Constable, 1874.	10 00
School appropriation, undrawn.....	607 93
Highway appropriation, undrawn.....	168 79
Estimated Poor bills, unpaid.....	100 00
Estimated snow bills, outstanding	200 00
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Total liabilities.....	\$1,449 95

ASSETS AVAILABLE.

Cash in the Treasury March 10th, 1875	\$3,688 59
Uncollected taxes on bills of 1872	10 20
Uncollected taxes on bills of 1873	89 25
Uncollected taxes on bills of 1874	957 91
Due from State for aid paid soldiers and families...	781 80
Due on E. P. Bumpus' note, nearly	122 00
Total available assets.....	<u>\$5,649 75</u>

ASSETS NOT AVAILABLE.

Town Farm	\$700 00
Personal property in the House ..	150 00
No. 1 school-house and lot.....	950 00
No. 2 school-house and lot.....	625 00
No. 3 school-house and lot.....	760 00
No. 4 school-house and lot.....	1,000 00
No. 5 school-house and lot.....	950 00
No. 6 school-house and lot.....	700 00
No. 8 school-house and lot.....	800 00
Total assets not available.....	<u>\$6,635 00</u>

AMOUNT RAISED BY TAXATION IN 1874.

State tax	\$920 00
County tax	770 37
For schools	1,800 00
For repair of highways.....	1,300 00
For repair of bridges	200 00
For Poor	382 89
	<u>\$5,373 26</u>

RATE OF TAXATION.

Poll tax, \$2.00 ; rate on property per \$1.000, \$9.00.

TOWN VALUATION IN 1874.

Real estate	\$342,297 00
Personal estate	195,528 00
Total valuation.....	<u>\$537,825 00</u>

Number of polls, 265.

Number of houses taxed, 231.

Number of horses taxed, 137.

Number of cows taxed, 174.

Number of sheep taxed, 81.

Number of acres of land taxed, 18,739.

Names and Ages of the Poor who have been fully or partially supported during the Year:

Sally Dunham	62	years	old.
Sally Denham.....	82	"	"
Patience Robbins	69	"	"
Caroline Wrightington	64	"	"
Foster Shaw.....	40	"	"
Barton Fuller.....	25	"	"
Willard Sears.....	65	"	"
Ansel Barrows	73	"	"
Lucy Chace.....	—	"	"
Edwin F. Webster.....	37	"	"
Joseph A. Bates, died March 31, 1874..	32	"	"
John W. Griffith, died May 24, 1874 ...	68	"	"
John A. Peirce, died Jan. 19, 1875.....	33	"	"

APPROPRIATIONS,

The following appropriations are called for to pay current expenses :

Repair of highways.....	\$1,300 00
Repair of bridges	150 00
Support of Poor	1,100 00
Support of schools.....	1,800 00
State tax	1,000 00
County tax.....	770 37

For the support of the Poor it is thought advisable to call for an appropriation of \$1,100 for the ensuing year, \$1,000, appropriated for the past two years, proving inadequate to pay expenses, the deficiency being about \$45.

The appropriations in other departments, it seems to us, need not be increased, as at this time business is somewhat stagnant; and wages rather tending downward, we ought to receive as good, or even a better, return for our appropriations than last year.

During the past twelve months, seventy-two tramps have been kept at our Almshouse over night, and provided with two meals each, at an expense of fifty cents apiece. For some unknown cause, there seems to be an unexpected increase in numbers of this class of dependants, February alone bringing to our doors fifty out of the seventy-two.

The Town remains financially about the same as at last settlement, having a balance of more than *four thousand dollars* in cash or its equivalent, available to meet the ordinary expenses the ensuing year, without borrowing.

Should there be no change in the law, taxing corporate stock and Bank stock, it will be necessary to assess only about five hundred of the eleven hundred dollars appropriated for support of Poor, the balance may be transferred from tax on Bank stock to Poor account, as heretofore.

TOWN HOUSE.

It is with reluctance that we approach the question of a new Town House, since the dilapidated condition of the old one, if it can be called a Town House at all, is so apparant to every citizen of the town. We feel the necessity more and more every day for some better and more respectable place to hold our meetings, and to keep safely the property of the Town.

We are continually receiving accessions to our Library from the State,—books that are often very valuable to the town officers in assisting them in the discharge of their duties, and others very instructive and interesting to any citizen. The present room is too small by one-half, besides, it can be entered by any one at any time, and books and papers carried away at their own free will, never to be returned.

The room where our meetings are held is occupied for the storage of anything and everything that people cannot house anywhere else, to the exclusion of the Town, for the Town really have little or no right there, it being an old meeting house. We need not show up the arrangement for heating, for any one who has been to Town Meeting on a cold day, has felt the necessity of some fire to make the room more comfortable, which cannot be done without we endanger the building to destruction by fire.

We think *twenty-five hundred dollars* will build as good a Town House as we really need. We do not mean to start on a twenty-five hundred dollar house, and build one costing double or treble that sum, as is often the case, but put the whole business into the hands of judicious and far seeing men, with a limited amount to expend.

We feel that in asking for a new Town House, we are only asking for a *necessity, something that every prudent and well governed town in the Commonwealth possesses*, and at a time when we should so little feel the expense. We have surplus cash in the Treasury, and the increase in our tax rate would only be trifling.

Respectfully submitted,

ANDREW GRIFFITH,	}	<i>Selectmen and Overseers of Poor of Carver.</i>
ALVIN PERKINS,		
H. A. LUCAS,		

TOWN MEETING.

Contents of Warrant for Town Meeting to be held on Monday, March 29th inst., at 1 o'clock, P. M.

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ARTICLE 2. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

ARTICLE 3. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary for support of Schools, Poor, Roads, Bridges and any other expenses the current year.

ARTICLE 4. To determine the manner of repairing the highways the present year.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will accept the Report of the Selectmen.

ARTICLE 6. To see what pay the Town will vote the Treasurer and Collector, and what time the taxes shall become due, and whether any interest shall be charged on taxes unpaid after a certain date.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer to hire money, under the direction of the Selectmen, if found necessary.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to make the yards of field drivers Town Pounds the present year.

Given under our hands this eighteenth day of March, A. D. 1875.

ANDREW GRIFFITH,	}	<i>Selectmen of Carver.</i>
ALVIN PERKINS,		
H. A. LUCAS,		

Report of the Town Clerk.

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN CARVER IN 1874.

February 4. Charles H. Atwood and Maggie Cassidy, both of Plymouth.

June 2. Robert F. Shurtleff, of Carver, and Henrietta Donahoe, of Taunton.

July 1. Edwin F. Sears, of Carver, and Lottie J. Gardner, of South Hanson.

October 11. Admiral T. Little and Ophelia H. Bumpus, both of Carver.

November 24. Andrew Robeson Eames and Charlotte Elizabeth Hammond, both of Carver.

December 19. Adelbert P. Robbins and Rosannah F. Pratt, both of Carver.

December 24. Charlton H. Wing, of Marion, and Charlotte W. Atwood, of Carver.

December 28. Thomas W. Blanchard and Clara L. Harrub, both of Plympton.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN CARVER IN 1874.

DATE.	NAMES.	AGE.			DISEASE.	NAMES OF PARENTS.
		Y.	M.	D.		
Feb. 11.	Lothrop Shurtleff.....	63	1	24	Suicide	Sylvanus and Mary. Died in Wareham.
Feb. 23.	Anna Cushing	15	0	23	Unknown.....	Nathaniel S. and Waitstill. Died in Middleboro'.
Feb. 28.	Eliza M. Atwood.....	60	3	..	Consumption	Oliver and Lydia Shaw.
March 4.	Lertina L. P. Colby.....	26	5	..	Consumption	Willard and Sarah.
April 18.	Andrew Harlow.....	22	5	8	Consumption	Benjamin and Lydia D.
April 29.	Truman Shaw	55	9	9	Consumption	John and Lydia.
May 23.	Henry W. Ransom	1	7	..	Typhoid Fever.....	Levi and Phebe.
May 24.	John W. Griffith.....	68	..	..	Pneumonia and Fever.....	Obed and Rebecca.
June 13.	Benjamin Harlow	64	11	..	Consumption and Shock..	Benjamin and Lavina.
Aug. 5.	Harrie C. Shaw	1	8	3	Congestion of the Brain..	John F. and Drusilla L.
Aug. 6.	Charles N. Avery	34	9	..	Fit.....	Nathan and Harriet.
Aug. 15.	Elizabeth A. Hurd	15	5	21	Pneumonia	Manoah and Louisa M.
Sept. 7.	Eunice Dunham	29	6	3	Typhoid Fever.....	Albert and Lucy Shurtleff.
Sept. 12.	Ella Pratt .....	..	7	..	Unknown.....	William and Rachel E.
Sept. 19.	Martha E. T. Livingstone	36	10	11	Childbirth	Stephen and Alice H. Tracy.
Oct. 16.	Noel B. Hurd.....	17	2	4	Typhoid Fever.....	Manoah and Louisa M.
Oct. 17.	Ernest D. Maxim.....	1	..	17	Cholera Infantum.....	Nathan B. and Mary.
Nov. 4.	Oliver A. Tillson.....	35	9	..	Liver Complaint	Luther and Cynthia. Died in Waltham.
Dec. 8.	Lucy P. Cole	86	..	..	Old Age.....	Perez and Sarah P. Bradford.

SUMMARY.

BIRTHS.

Whole number of births in 1874.....	23
Males	12
Females ..	11
	—
	23

DEATHS.

Whole number of deaths in 1874 ...	19
Males ...	11
Females.	8
	—
	19

MARRIAGES.

Whole number of marriages registered in 1874....	8
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PELEG McFARLIN, *Town Clerk.*



